Mr. President: Estimates were made of the volume of traffic and tonnage. As a matter of fact, people of the locality headed by Mr. Antony themselves stated that this will bring in 15 to 20 thousand rupees, and that ultimately made the Municipality to take it up.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* But, my question is whether the Municipality is able to pay the interest.

Mr. President : The whole point is, the actual economic result of the working of this canal cannot be stated until after 2 years have elapsed. The canal has been completed and formally opened only recently. There are a lot of protective works to be undertaken. You can judge the volume of traffic only from the 3rd year.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി : ഈ വക്കു് കുഴിറെഡിചെയ്യുവാൻ ഇനി എത്ര ഉറുപ്പിക ചെലവിവരും?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* 30 to 40 thousand rupees.

RAMANKAYAL CHIRA—MAINTENANCE OF—CONTRACT FOR

61. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli) :* Will the Government be pleased to state.--

(*a*) when was the maintenance of Ramankayal chira in Karamukku and Manalur Villages undertaken last and at what expense;

(*b*) the amount expended in 1113 and 1114 on the maintenance of the above said chira and the name of the contractor with whom the work was entrusted in 1113 and 1114;

(*c*) whether tenders were called for in 1115 before letting the work on contract;

(*d*) the names of persons who offered themselves to execute the work in 1115—1116 with the rate of tender deduction agreed upon by each;

(*e*) whose tender was accepted and when;

(*f*) whether the Chief Engineer has received any petition from the agriculturists of the locality stating that the contractor in 1113 and 1114 had not attended to the work to the advantage and benefit of the agriculturists;

(*g*) what was the special reason in entrusting the work with the present contractor in 1115—1116?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) In 1115 for Rs. 176.

(*b*) In 1113 for Rs. 274.
In 1114 for Rs. 299.
Mr. T. K. Ittimathew in both the years.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) 1. T. K. Ittimathew at 26 % less.
2. P. N. Velayudhan at 40 % do.
3. K. K. Paran at 50 % do.

(*e*) K. K. Paran on 21st August 1940.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) The work was entrusted to the present contractor, his rates being the most favourable to Government.

COURTS AT ERNAKULAM—SHIFTING OF

62. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether Government intend the transfer of the High Court and subordinate courts of Ernakulam to a new site and if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government kindly state the reasons therefor?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know what exactly is the matter under the consideration of Government? My question relates to the shifting of the courts and the reasons therefor. May I know whether the reasons are under consideration or the act of shifting under consideration?

Mr. President: Both are under consideration.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether Government have tentatively decided the site?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It has not been definitely fixed. All these matters are under consideration.

Mr. President: Tentatively, the site is fixed to be on the Shanmukham Road.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Government will consider the possibility of shifting the High Court to Trichur?

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